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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS -  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

G. WARD RANDALL, D.V.M.

TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") following its review of information received concerning the veterinary care and treatment rendered to "Junior" Garabo at the Bound Brook Veterinary Clinic ("Clinic") which is owned by respondent G. Ward Randall, D.V.M. It is alleged that the respondent engaged in negligence in the care that was provided to the cat.

Junior, a six (6) month old male Domestic Short hair feline was presented to the Clinic on November 13, 2007 for a feline

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neuter. At the Clinic, he came under the care of Beth Sulner, D.V.M., an employee at the Clinic. Following a physical examination by Dr. Sulner, the surgical neutering procedure began. Junior suffered cardiac arrest during the procedure and Melissa M. Hayes, D.V.M., an associate veterinarian at the Clinic, was summoned to assist in the resuscitation of Junior.

Two unlicensed veterinary technicians were present in the surgical suite with Dr. Sulner. An unlicensed technician performed the neuter of Junior and it was during this surgery that the cat went into cardiac arrest. The resuscitation attempts by Drs. Hayes and Sulner were unsuccessful and Junior died. Dr. Sulner acknowledged that she was present in the surgical suite during the entire procedure.

While respondent was not present in the surgical suite with Junior and did not provide any veterinary care or treatment to the cat, Dr. Randall was aware that unlicensed personnel were performing feline neutering surgeries at the Clinic and he permitted and aided and abetted said practice. Dr. Randall did not submit any documentation to the Board disputing these allegations.

The Board, following its review of the submitted documents in this matter, has concluded that Dr. Randall permitted an unlicensed person to perform an act for which a veterinary medical license is required and/or aided and abetted an

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unlicensed person in performing veterinary medicine, contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n). The Board therefore finds that the conduct detailed above establishes a basis for disciplinary action by the Board against Dr. Randall.

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without the need for formal disciplinary proceedings; and waiving any right to hearing; and the respondent acknowledging and not contesting the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board; and the Board having been satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL 2008,

ORDERED that:

1. The respondent, G. Ward Randall, D.V.M., is hereby formally reprimanded for permitting and/or aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine, contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) relative to the treatment of Junior Garabo at the Clinic in November 2007.

2. Dr. Randall shall cease and desist from further violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and (n).

3. Dr. Randall is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n). Payment for the civil penalty shall be submitted contemporaneously with the entry of this



Consent Order, by certified check or money order, made payable to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and shall be forwarded to Leslie G. Aronson, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Post Office Box 45020, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

In the alternative, the respondent may pay the civil penalty, totaling \$5,000.00 in equal installment payments of \$210.00 for a total twenty-three (23) months. The twenty-fourth (24th) and final payment will total \$170.00. The first payment shall be paid simultaneously with submission of this Order with subsequent payments due on the fifteenth of each month thereafter until the total amount is paid in full.

Any failure to make any installment payment within ten (10) days of the due date shall cause the entire remaining balance to become immediately due and payable without further notice. Further, failure to pay the penalty within the time period allotted above will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt, including the applicable interest permitted by the New Jersey Court Rules, and may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings before the Board for failure to comply with an Order of the Board.

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4. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order or remit any and all payments required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt and may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with an Order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Mark W. Logan VMD  
MARK W. LOGAN, V.M.D.  
President

I have read and understand the  
within Consent Order and agree  
to be bound by its terms.  
Consent is hereby given  
to the Board to enter this Order.

G. Ward Randall D.V.M.  
G. WARD RANDALL, D.V.M.

DATED: 4/29/08

Consent as to form and entry.

Deborah A. Cmielewski  
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DATED: 4/29/08